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C O N F I D E N T I A L TRIPOLI 0576

SUBJECT: PARITY NEGOTIATIONS

REF: TRIPOLI 914, 389 (NOTAL)

1. ANOTHER ROUND OF LARG/OIL COMPANIES' STAMMERING DIALOG ON PARITY QUESTION HAS CONCLUDED. US NEGOTIATORS WILL CONSULT WITH THEIR PRINCIPALS. LOCAL TRIPOLI WORKING GROUP OF OIL COMPANY REPS ALSO MET MARCH 24 TO DRAW UP ITS OWN RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BREAKING PRESENT LOG JAM.

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NO DATE WAS SET FOR RESUMING TALKS BUT COMPANIES EXPECT TO BE SUMMONED AGAIN IN NEAR FUTURE.

4. COMMENT: LARG OBVIOUSLY USING SAME OLD TACTIC, SO SUCCESSFUL IN 1970 AND 1971, OF APPARENTLY REACHING AGREEMENT ON ONE LEVEL THEN SPRINGING NEW DEMANDS ALLEGEDLY IMPOSED ON REVIEW AT A HIGHER LEVEL. IN THIS CASE WE STRONGLY SUSPECT END IS NOT IN SIGHT AS COMPANIES HAVE NOT MET SUBSTANTIVELY YET WITH JALLUD (HE CAN ALWAYS APPEAL TO NEED OF FULL RCC APPROVAL). GP-4.
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